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DCI/IC 74-0927

25 January 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Declassification of the Murphy Commission
Transcript

1. The attached transcript reflects the views of the DDI, DDO, and DDS&T on what would have to be deleted to make the subject transcript unclassified. There are a few areas in which it is clear that the subject matter is now classified, but in which the directorates are willing to have the DCI make his remarks unclassified if he should choose to do so. They are as follows:



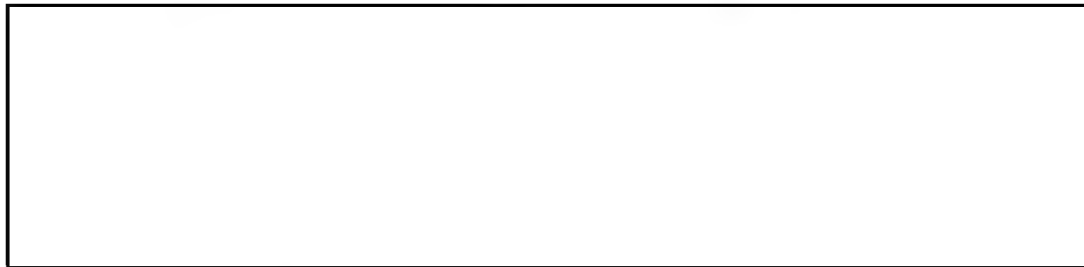
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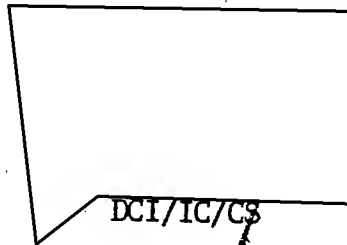
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2. All other sections underlined in red should be considered by the Commission as classified TOP SECRET.

3. I recommend that the matters in paragraph 1 above be referred to the DCI, along with the attached letter to the Commission from him. I can deliver the letter and mark the Commission transcript next week.

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Attachments:

1. Murphy Commission Testimony (notebook)
2. Letter from DCI to the Commission

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy, Chairman
Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy
2025 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Murphy:

At the request of the Commission, my representatives have reviewed the transcript of my testimony before the Commission with the objective of identifying all matters which are classified. Statements which we wish you to hold in the highest confidentiality are underlined in red in your copy. I ask that you make certain that these matters do not appear in the public record. All other portions of the transcript can be considered open to your use for any purpose.

I would like to call to your attention that occasionally throughout the transcript we have underlined the remarks of some of the Commissioners, indicating that we consider those statements to include classified material. This has been done for two reasons. First, because the member's question or statement alludes quite specifically to a part of my own testimony which is classified. Second, and mainly with respect to your remarks and some of Senator Mansfield's, prior knowledge of intelligence matters by members of the Commission revealed substance which would have been treated as classified had I made the remarks myself. In the latter cases, I am sure that we were all sharing information and past experiences quite openly because we respected the confidentiality of the session.

I want to thank you for the courtesy which you have displayed throughout the hearings and in prior and subsequent staff contact. It has been a most interesting experience for me.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby

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